(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the total number of scientists in the Ministry at the Delhi Headquarters from 1989 to 1999, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Total number of Scientists in the Ministry at the Delhi Headquarters from 1989 to 1999 year-wise is as under:—

1989	—	75
1990	—	81
1991	—	79
1992	—	81
1993	—	75
1994	—	73
1995	—	72
1996	—	73
1997	—	73
1998	—	72
1999	—	70

Environment Protection measures in Kerala

5066. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the various measures being taken by Government of Kerala for environment protection, like prohibition of smoking in public places, including trains;

(b) whether Kerala High Court has directed the State Government to issue orders prohibiting chewing the Pan in public offices;

(c) whether Government propose to study in detail the various environment protection measures of Kerala; and

(d) if so, whether Government would evolve schemes at national level on environmental protection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The Government of Kerala has taken necessary measures to restrict smoking in public places.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Government have taken various steps for environmental protection which include the following:—

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to check air, water and noise pollution.

(ii) Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment and action is taken against the defaulting units.

(iii) A scheme under the World Bank for setting up Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) in clusters of small scale industrial units has been implemented in several parts of the country.

(iv) Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 is in force governing environmental appraisal of 29 specified categories of developmental projects.

(v) Environmental Guidelines have been evolved for siting of industries.

(vi) National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) has been launched to check water pollution in the major rivers of the country.

(vii) Emission sandards for vehicles have been notified under the Motor Vehicles Act. Vehicular fuel quality has also been upgraded.

(viii) Ambient noise standards in respect of industrial, commercial, residential areas and silence zones have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Polluted rivers in Orissa

5067. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the polluted rivers in Orissa;

(b) if so, the names of polluted rivers in that State;

(c) what are the reasons for these rivers getting polluted; and

(d) the steps taken to clean those rivers?